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1. Noninvasive imaging of angiogenesis could provide clinicians a new tool in determination of individuals with higher risk for cardiovascular events.
Chapters 2 and 3 of this thesis
2. With [18F]RGD-K5 uptake heterogeneity in carotid artery plaques can be assessed.
Chapter 3 of this thesis
3. Clinically applied cell saving therapies, like the use of minocycline as a cell death inhibitor enable the restriction of myocardial damage and will therefore minimize the morbidity and mortality associated with myocardial infarction.
Chapter 4 of this thesis
4. The routine use of DEXA and VFA for osteoporosis and vertebral fracture screening contributes to a one-stop- shop session with low costs, low radiation burden and a fast accessible way of risk stratifying for cardiovascular events.
Chapter 5 of this thesis
5. Utilizing Molecular Imaging, we are still taking snap shots. Instead, we should direct our research towards a real "Movie of Cardiovascular Disease" to get insight into what is really happening to the individual patient.
6. In a large proportion of previously asymptomatic individuals, sudden coronary death or acute myocardial infarction occurs as the first manifestation of coronary atherosclerosis. Therefore, treating such events is analogous to locking the barn door after the horse has been stolen.
Eugene Braunwald, J Am Coll Cardiol. 2006; 47(8):C101-3.
7. The corpus of science should be diverse enough for people with different perspectives to take an idea, apply their own perspective, and run with it in yet another direction.
Y. Chandrashekhara, Jagat Narula, J Am Coll Cardiol Img. 2013;6(3):416-7.
8. When I was a student, I found two groups of diseases utterly confusing, Bright's disease and arteriosclerosis. I suspected then, and know now, that I was confused because my teachers were confused. Unfortunately, much of this confusion persists in current thought and writing.
Prof. Sir George Pickering, Am J Med, 1963.
9. [...] Brain? It's my second favorite organ!
Woody Allen, Sleeper, 1973.
10. "I'm not being nosy, but why did you run away from home that time, son?" Ambrosio asks. "Weren't you well off at home with your folks?" "Too well off, that's why I left," Santiago says. "I was so pure and thick-headed that it bothered me having such an easy life and being a nice young boy.... I thought that [by ...] I would make myself a real little man, Ambrosio"
Mario Vargas Llosa, Conversation in the Cathedral, 1969.